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September 16, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in  
the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area  
WC Docket No. 04-223  
Written Ex Parte Communication

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to report that on September 16, 2005, the undersigned, representing Cox Communications Inc. ("Cox"), provided the attached response to a staff request for information to Jeremy Miller, deputy chief of the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau. A copy of the email covering the memorandum also is attached to this letter.

The response contained information for which Cox seeks confidential treatment pursuant to the *Protective Order* issued in this proceeding. The confidential information is marked "REDACTED" on the attached copy of the response. Today Cox filed the confidential portions of the response with the Secretary's Office under separate cover.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office and a copy of this letter is being provided to Mr. Miller.

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
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Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.G. Harrington".

J.G. Harrington  
Counsel to Cox Communications, Inc.

Attachment

cc (w/ attachment):   Jeremy Miller

**Harrington, J.G.**

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**From:** Harrington, J.G.  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2005 8:11 PM  
**To:** 'jeremy.miller@fcc.gov'  
**Subject:** CONFIDENTIAL - Qwest petition for forbearance (WC Dkt. No. 04-223) - Response to staff inquiry  
**Attachments:** CoxStaffQuestionsResponse091605Confidential.doc

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***Written Ex Parte Communication******CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER***

As you requested, I have attached the response of Cox Communications, Inc. to the staff's latest inquiry concerning Cox's services in the Omaha MSA. Please note that the numerical data in this response is confidential and subject to the protective order in the above-referenced proceeding.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Cox will provide notice of this written ex parte communication by the business day following the date of this message. Cox also will submit a redacted version of the attachment to the Commission.

Please inform me if you have any additional questions or if Cox can provide any additional assistance in this proceeding.

***J.G. Harrington***

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**QWEST OMAHA FORBEARANCE PROCEEDING**  
**WC DOCKET No. 04-223**

COX RESPONSES TO STAFF INQUIRY – SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

Cox Communications, Inc. (“Cox”) hereby responds to recent staff inquiries in the above-referenced proceeding. Cox has been asked to provide additional information concerning its service to customers in the Omaha MSA within and outside the [REDACTED] wire centers where Cox has the greatest geographic coverage, as identified in Cox’s June 30, 2005 response to staff questions. Cox notes that this information is highly sensitive, but in the interest of providing the Commission with the information it desires as it considers the issues in this proceeding, Cox responds to the staff inquiry as follows:

(1) As described in its earlier submissions, Cox does not provide service or track customer locations by wire center because Cox’s network does not correspond with Qwest’s wire centers. In addition, Cox is not required to make any reports to regulatory agencies on the basis of Qwest wire centers and Qwest does not make information concerning the precise boundaries of its wire centers publicly available. Consequently, the information provided in this response has been approximated by correlating the information Cox has concerning Qwest’s wire center boundaries with Cox’s internal organization of its customer information.

(2) With these caveats, Cox provides the following estimates of customers, lines and circuits:

(a) Cox has approximately [REDACTED] residential customers within the wire centers identified above and approximately [REDACTED] residential customers outside the wire centers identified above.

(b) Cox serves approximately [REDACTED] residential lines within the wire centers identified above and approximately [REDACTED] residential lines outside the wire centers identified above.

(c) Cox has approximately [REDACTED] business customers within the wire centers identified above and approximately [REDACTED] business customers outside the wire centers identified above.

(d) Cox serves approximately [REDACTED] DS-0 lines, [REDACTED] DS-1 circuits, [REDACTED] DS-3 circuits and [REDACTED] OCN circuits within the wire centers identified above and approximately [REDACTED] DS-0 lines, [REDACTED] DS-1 circuits, [REDACTED] DS-3 circuits and [REDACTED] OCN circuits outside the wire centers identified above.

(3) With these caveats, Cox estimates that its facilities reach [REDACTED] percent of the business locations in the wire centers identified above.

(4) The staff has asked an additional question concerning multiple tenant environments (“MTEs”). In previous submissions to the Commission, Cox has indicated that it does not provide service to certain MTEs within its coverage area because it does not have access to those buildings. As described in Cox’s June 30, 2005 submission, those MTEs were excluded from the coverage calculations provided in that submission. Including those MTEs, however, would not have a material effect on the coverage estimates Cox provided in the June 30 filing.

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